VOTIVÆ ANGLIÆ:

OR,

THE DESIRES AND VVISHES OF ENGLAND.

Contained in a Patheticall Discourse, presented to the KING on *New-yeares* Day last.

Wherein are unfolded and represented, many strong Reasons, and true and solide Motiues, to perswade his Majestie to drawe his Royall Sword, for the restoring of the PALLATYNAT, and ELECTORAT, to his Sonne in Law Prince FREDERICKE, to his onely Daughter the Lady ELIZABETH, and their Princely Issue.

AGAINST

THE TREACHEROVS VSVRPATION, and formidable Ambition and Power of the *Emperour*, the King of *Spaine*, and the Duke of *Bavaria*, who unjustlie possesse and detaine the same.

Together with some *Aphorismes* returned (with a Large interest) to the *Pope* in Answer of his.

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TO GREAT BRITTAINES GREAT HOPE, CHARLES, PRINCE OF WALES, &c.

SIR:

THis my ensuing Discourse of Votivæ Angliæ, which in a Manuscript I sent to the King your Father on New-yeares day last; I now in zeale and humilitie) direct and send to your Highnesse in Print; I wrote it then to his Maiestie, in favour of the neglected Estate, & deiected, and deplorable Fortunes, of the most Excellent Princesse (the Ladie Elizabeth) your Sister; of the Illustrious Prince Pallatyne her Husband, and their royall Progenie, for the vniust losse, and shamefull detention of their Pallatinat and Electorat, by the Trium-virat of Vsurpers, the King of Spayn, the Emperour, and the Duke of Bavaria; I send it now to your Highnesse, that (next under God) you (resembling your selfe) will please to lend your best assistance, and give your best furtherance, to draw foorth the King your Fathers Sword for the happie restitution and reconquering thereof, whereunto the tyes of Religion, Empire, and Honnor, infalliblie oblige him.

The eyes of the whole Christian world, (as so many Lynes conducing to their Centre) are constantly and curiously fixed on the glorious action, to see whether great Brittayne (in this iust and famous quarrell) will courageuslie resolve to redeeme her lost Honnor, or else cowardlie consent to lose it without any further sence, or hope of redemption.

Your Highnesse cannot looke on your selfe without seeing your Illustrious Sister; nor see her, without looking on her

Princely Posteritie, sith you haue as deepe interest in their Blood, as your owne heart hath in you. Oh then how can your Highnesse (whom Grace and Nature, your Blood and your Vertues, haue made one of the greatest Princes of the world) permit to see, or liue to permit; That these Austrian Princes (whose malice is as boundlesse as their Ambition and Treacherie) should in a time of a firme and setled Peace, thus perfidiously bereaue them of their Honnors, and thus treacherously rob them of their Inheritance and Patrimonie, yea, and reduce them to so extreame a point of Calamity and Miserie, that you are inforced to behold Pittie, Griefe, Dispaire, and Ruine, to act their seuerall parts vpon the Stage, and Theatre of their afflictions. Oh that this affront and indignity, should be offered them in the Raigne of a King so wise, and Potent, as your Father; and tollerated in the life of a Prince so generous and magnanimous, as your Highnesse, her Brother, yea her onlie Brother, as she is your onlie Sister.

But the King of Spaine (the head and Oracle of the House of Austria) hath not onelie wronged the Princesse your Sister in Germany, but your Highnesse likewise in Spaine, as if (in an inueterat and premeditated quarrell) hee made it aswell his delight, as glorie, to abuse, and seeke the disgrace and ruine of the Blood of Great Brittaine; Wherefore I hope your Highnesse, this Illustrious and famous Parliament, and the thrice Noble Duke of Buckingham, hath now made the King your Father sensiblie confident, as before he was confidentlie incredulous thereof.

In a reciprocal requital and reuenge wherof (because these manifestlie malicious Affronts of Spayne, towards our Soueraigne, and his Roiall Posteritie, are of two contemptible

and pernitious a Nature, to be ſuffered; and of too fatall and dangerous a conſequence to be digeſted and tollerated) all the Subiects of this Kingdom, (except thoſe fiery Tranſalpine, & factious Tranſmarine Engliſh, *who haue onely their bodies here, but their harts in* Rome *and* Spaine,) *doe vehemently deſire Warre with* Spaine, *as knowing it neceſſary for our Eſtate, and ſafe and honorable for our King, and his Royall Poſterity; yea, they all vniverſally applaud this high and prudent Court of Parliament, for motioning and ſeeking that Warre, infinitely Honnor your Highneſſe for ſoliciting and aduancing it, and exceedingly bleſſe the King your Father for approuing and conſenting thereunto, by his roial* Declaration, *which will make his Name famous, and his Fame immortally glorious to all poſterity.*

Yea it ſeemes Heauen and Earth concurre with vs in this happy reſolution, to take downe the ambition and pride, and to curbe the power and malice of Spaine. *For the diſtaſte of the* French, *the defiance of the* Hollanders, *the iealouſie of* Savoy, *and* Venice, *& the zeale and reſolution of* England, *(now demonſtrated in her Repreſentiue body the Parliament, who cheerefully proffer their whole Eſtates and Liues, to ſo iuſt, ſo neceſſary, and ſo Honorable a Warre,) the Honnor and ſafety of our owne Eſtate; the Glory of* GOD, *and the defence & protection of his afflicted Spouſe the Church, doth againe and againe inuite your highnes ſword, and coniure his Maieſties laſt and ſpeedy reſolution to beginne this Warre.*

For it is not enough for the King your Father, your Highnes, and the Parliament, to giue a forme to your Military Conſultations, except yee (caſt off al delayes, remoue all lets, obſtacles, & procraſtinations, which may retard or oppoſe it,) giue a life

to that forme, and a reſolution to that life by drawing your contemplation into Action, that our ſhips and ſelues may bee in a readineſſe to prevent Spaine, *ere* Spaine *bee readie to prevent us; and of power to ſtrike him, ere he can poſſibly be ſufficiently powerfull to threaten us; and that our Regiments and Squadrons be inrolled, and in ſight of their Colours, and ready to March at the very firſt call of the Drum, ſith* England, *and* Scotland, *neuer ſawe feare but in the fronts and faces of our Enemies, and alwayes went to the warres as to a ioyfull wedding, or to an aſſured Victorie and Triumph.*

Great Prince, you ſaw and vnderſtood what a world of ioyfull Bonfires, (or fires of Ioy) we made, when your Highneſſe returned from Spaine, *with as much ſafety as you went foorth with danger, yea our zeale and affection is ſo ardent to your Highneſſe, becauſe your Obedience is ſuch to the King your Father, that wee ſhall iuſtly hold our ſelues wronged of the Parliament, if they (for themſelues and the whole Kingdom) be not Peticioners to the King your Father, that he will pleaſe to ordaine, that we may Religiouſlie keepe and obſerue two new Holidayes and Feſtivals, and that they may be henceforth marked with Rubricks in our Almanacks, to the end that not onlie our ſelues but our Poſteritie may yearely celebrate and obſerue them, with a world of Bonfires of Ioy and ioyfull ſhouts and acclamations of reioycing*; viz. *The 5.th of October, the day of your Highneſſe arrivall from* Spayne, *and the 24.th of March following, the day that your Match with* Spayne *was broken off, and Warres declared for the reſtoring of the Count* Pallatyne *and his Heyres to thier* Pallatynat *and* Electorat, *That as wee therein doe now partici-*

pate of the causes of our Ioy, so they hereafter may enioy them by feeling and enioying the effects thereof; For, for the honor & safety of our King, and of all his Royall Posterity, & for the flourishing prosperity & welfare of the Church and Estate of the Israell *of our Great* Brittaine; *he is not a true Subiect, a faithfull and loyall-harted* Britton, *no nor the sonne of an honest man, that is not ready and willing to beare his life on the point of his Sword, and (if occasion present) to lose it, rather then to retaine and preserue it in so iust and Honorable a quarrell.*

And your Highnes (for seconding and fortifying of this your Royal Fathers Warlike resolutions, against his Maiesties, your owne, and your illustrious Sisters Enemies, in the Two maine points of our Welfare and Honor (Englands *preseruation, & the* Pallatinats *restitution*) *will accumilate & heape up, a whole world of Blessings & benedictions, on your Princly head from your Fathers good subiects, who with one tounge, one heart, one affection, and one soule, will (with as much Ioy as zeale, and as much zeale as Duty) Pray vnto God for the long, prosperous and victorious Life of the King your Father, my Gracious Soueraigne) of your Royall selfe, of our Gracious Princes your Sister, of the Illustrious Prince her Husband, and their Royall posterity, The which no e shall performe with more true Zeale, and unfeined Deuotion, then*

Your Highnes, his most

humblie Deuoted Seruant.

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The Printer to the Reader.

GEntlemen, the Author his remote abſence from the Preſſe, hath occaſioned me to commit many Errors, whereof he is innocent, his deſerts craue and deſerue you to reforme them, and I likewiſe deſire it, aſwell for your ſatisfaction, as for mine owne excuſe.

Farewell.

My Moſt Sacred Soveraigne:

I Should not bee that which God hath made me to be, your Majeſties moſt obedyent and moſt fayth-full Subject, if I were not a thouſand times more jealous and zealous for the preſervation of your Majeſties, and your royall Childrens welfare and honnor, then of myne owne life: But ſith Grace hath made me ſo fortunate, and Nature ſo happie, as alſo compoſed me of a temper, that I had rather die for ſpeaking the Truth, then liue eyther to Conceale or Deſemble it to your Majeſtie; Therefore in the behalfe of the forſaken Prince Palatyne, your Sonne in Law, of his ſorrowfull Princeſſe your onely Daughter, and their mournefull Poſteritie; for the loſſe of their neglected Patrimonie, the Pallatinate, wherein my Conſcience (guyded by the Truth) informes my Soule, that your Majeſties honnor extreamlie ſuffers: Giue mee leaue, O giue mee leaue, my Moſt Gracious King (in all Humilitie and Dutie) to ſend theſe enſewing motiues and reaſons to your Majeſties ſerious peruſall and conſideration, thereby to incyte and ſtirre up your Royall reſolutions, for the refetching and reconquering thereof, whereon at preſent the eyes of the whole Chriſtian World are conſtantlie fixed. And thou great God of Heaven, who (at thy pleaſure and in thy providence) ſwayeſt the hearts and hands, the affections and actions of all the Kings of the Earth thy Vice-gerents; So bleſſe my Soveraigne and all his ſences in the reading thereof, that his Majeſties Iudgement preuayle ore his Paſſion, his Courage outbraue his Feare; that naked Truth may take place of

disguised Imposture, and royall Iustice triumphore hoodwinked and treacherous Vsurpation.

Although it be true, that the Prince Palatine your Sonne in Law, committed a first errour of Estate, in assuming and taking on him the Crowne of Bohemia; will your Maiestie therefore commit a second in permitting him to lose his Palatinate: or because he wanted no Ambition but Iudgement to attempt that; must your Maiestie therefore want affection, zeale, and and equity to him, to the Princesse your Daughter their royall Issue, to tollerate and suffer this. You likewise sawe and suffered the Emperour to chastise him from Bohemia; and therein you shewed an act of Iustice, which celebrates your fame to all Europe; but if your Maiestie permit him for euer to ruine him, and absolutely to Deprive him of his and his Childrens Patrimony, that will be a Dishonourable testimony of too great distrespect, & want of affection in your Maiestie as being their Father, and of too much feare and pusilanimity as being a Great and Potent King; and this will not onely blemish but eclipse it to all the world. Doe I speake of Dishonour, O then I beseech your Maiestie to consider, how long Honour is purchasing, how soone lost, and that having sacrificed all the actions of our life to preserue it, wee neede but one Errour to ruine it; and as the meanest Gentleman is bound to this rule; so the greatest Princes and Monarkes of the world, haue (consequently) the greatest shares and interrests in the prevention thereof. For the true Matchiavillians and Emperickes of Estate, who tearme honour but smoke, are deceived and ignorant of Honour; Sith to define it aright,

aright, it is the pureſt gold of a Kings crowne, and the richeſt Diamond to embelliſh and adorne it; yea, it is a great part of that which makes a King a King, becauſe it giues him iuſt reaſon to Commaund his ſubiects, and they as iuſt cauſe to obey him; and which is more, the retayning thereof pure, and the preſeruing thereof immaculate, makes him to be both feared and beloved of all his neighbour Princes, who otherwiſe will haue iuſt cauſe to neglect and Contemne him, becauſe he firſt contemned and neglected it. So were your Maieſtie only a ſpectator, and not an Actor, or had you no Intereſt in the Palatinate, you ſhould then receiue no Diſhonour not to attempt, or ſeeke the reſtitution thereof. But ſith (for the good of your Diſinherited Children) you haue as deepe Intereſt in that famous Prouince, as you haue in the Royall blood which ſtreames in their hearts and veynes, will it not be an honour for your Maieſtie to reſtore it to them, ſith it was loſt with ſhame, and a ſhame if you reſtore not them to it with honour: And in regard the Emperour and Duke of Bauaria haue conquered it from them by Vſurpation, will it not be an action as full of Compaſſion as glory, for the King of Great Brittaine to reconquer it from them with Iuſtice. And although peradventure, the current of other mens affections and paſſions, tranſport your Maieſtie from the true way of truth, in beleeuing that the Diſhonour of this loſſe, falls onely on the Count Palatine, and no way reflects on your Royall and Sacred perſon, yet the beſt of your ſubiects beleeue, though the woorſt are ſo treacherous to affirme the contrarie, that the Honour of your three Crownes

and Kingdomes, doe infinitly ſuffer in the loſſe of this one famous Province, becauſe it is the Inheritance of the Prince your Sonne in Lawe, the Dowrie of his Princeſſe your Daughter, and the Patrimony of thoſe Royall plants their Children; In which conſideration, is not the loſſe thereof as worthy of your Compaſſion, as the reconquering is of your Courage. For if your Maieſtie who is a potent & mighty Monarch, permit this Illuſtrious (though poore) Prince your Sonne in Law to be deprived of his Palatinate, and Electorate (and conſequently ruined in his reputation for euer) you haue farre more reaſon to reſt confident then incredulous; that the Auſtrian Princes excepted of the one ſide, and thoſe Princes to whom you are allyed by blood or affinity of the other, as you will aſſuredly make him the pittie, ſo you will likewiſe infallibly make your ſelfe the laughture of all the reſt of the Princes of Chriſtendome.

But how can the Prince Pallatine hope of ſo great, and ſo iuſt a felicity, that your Maieſtie will reſtore him to his Pallatinate, ſith you might haue done it with farre facility and leſſe charge, when *Heidelberg* the head, and *Manheym* and *Frankendale*, the two eyes of that Province courageouſly held out, and were yet in lyfe and vigour; and that 5000. of your ſubiects then added to theſe Valiant bands, which were already there vnder the Conduct of Noble *Vere*, and braue *Boroughes*, &c. would not onely haue prevented the ambitious Deſignes, but alſo ruined the coverous reſolutions of the Emperour, and Duke of Bavaria in the vſurping thereof; which now 15000. can difficultly effect. How can he hope for it, when

when (under the cloake of consignation and sequestration) hee sees with feare that your Maiestie hath given away Frankendale to its Deprivation; How can hee hope of this courtesie from your Sword, when your Maiestie, and your Ambassadours, your tongue and your penne haue actually consented to dishonour him, by dispoyling him of his Honours: For as the Emperour iustly razed out his Title of King of *Bohemia*, so your Maiestie derogated from the affection of a Father, to ommit and exclude those of Count Pallatine and Elector, in all your Treaties, and negotiations with the Emperour, the King of Spayne, the Archdutchesse, and the rest of the Princes Electors of Germanie, vnlesse your Maiestie were desirous, that the sayd Count Pallatine your Sonne in Lawe, should be by his enemies degraded of his Honours and Dignities before his time, which untimely omission and connivencie of your Maiestie, hath in undervalewing him, extreamely undervalewed your selfe, and made the pride of the Emperour, and his Duke of Bavaria, flye a pitch both beyond themselues and beyond Ambition. How can hee hope for it, sith your Maiestie now permits that the Dukes of *Brunswicke*, and *Lunebourg*, Count *Mansfield*, the Lantgraue *Maurice*, with other Noblemen their adhærents and Partisans, who haue wedded his quarrell, should now bee abandoned by your Treatie, and held unworthy to be affected and protected by your Maiesties royall fauour and assistance; that they who haue so valiantly and constantly defended his cause, (and in it the generall good and peace of Germanie) should now by

your Treatie of *Suspension of Armes*, be enforced to let fall their swords out of their hands, and with them their lyues, That they who (partly out of affection to him, and partly out of your Maiesties owne procurement and solicitation to themselues) haue prodigally spent their wealth and blood for his sake and seruice; should now by him and your Maiestie, be abandoned as a prey, and sacrificed as Victymes to the implacable revenge of the Emperor and Duke of Bavaria; an Act so odious and dishonourable in the sight of God and man, as neyther your Maiestie, nor the Prince Palatine your Sonne in Lawe, can heare it proposed without extreame ingratitude, nor consent thereto without infinite shame and eternall Dishonour, both to your persons and memories. How can he hope for it, when hee understands that many of your Courtiers (with lesse iudgement then passion, and more Enuie then truth and Charity) doe without controlement, tearme the Princes of *Germany* Traytors for hauing assisted him, and yet what haue they not hazarded for his affection, and attempted for his service. How can hee hope for it, when your Maiestie permitted the Emperour, and Duke of Bauaria, to violate in hostile manner the Royall protection, wherein you tooke and receiued that which remayned of the Palatinate, and when you had commaunded your sayd Sonne in Lawe to Disarme, and hee and all his Armie to desist and retyre, that then contrary to your Royall promise to him, as also to your owne expectation, you should permit his Enemies to conclude and finish their Conquest of his Country; Which in effect was to ruine

ruine him whom you promiſed to aſſiſt, A ſcarre and ſicatrice, which will infallibly remaine apparant and notorious upon the face of your Maieſties raigne, except the remedie and reſolution of your Sword redeeme and deface it. How can he hope for it, when as the common compaſſion of thoſe who are leaſt Compaſſionare, are *I wiſh I could as ſoone remedie as Pitie your detected Eſtate*; and that this of your Maieſtie towards him, comes farre too ſhort the rules of vulgar Charitie, much more the bonds and tyes of Naturall and Royall affection, ſith your Maieſtie is ſo farre from remedying his wrongs, as you will not pittie them, and which is worſe, you can, but will neyther pittie, nor remedie them. How can hee hope for it, when you haue permitted that all his fortunes be onely reduced to hope, and his feare to Diſpayre. How can hee hope for it, when (ſith it is an iniurie as *Publius Mimus* reporteth, To laugh at other mens Calamities and misfortunes) that ſo many of your Subiects, and which is woorſe, of your Courtiers, lycentiouſly inſult and triumph at his overthrowes, and ſcoffe at his afflictions, without conſidering that hee is the Husband of our Princeſſe, and our Kinges onely Daughter, and his Children our Royall plantes, of the Stocke and Blood Royall of Great BRITTAINE, and without receiving any puniſhment, or checke from your Maieſtie, for the baſe enormity of this their foule ingratitude, and incivill Diſreſpect and Contempt, whom you may eaſily diſcerne, diſtinguiſh, and finde out from your faithfull and loyall hearted Subiects, ſith there is as great Difference betwixt the laſt

laſt and the firſt, as there is betweene true *Proteſtants*, and inſolent and dangerous *Papiſts*. And to conclude and ſhut up this poynt, How can hee hope for it, when you will not honnour or affect his Princeſſe, your Daughter, and their famous and flouriſhing Poſteritie ſo much, as in theſe their immerited miſeries, to receiue and harbour them into the Sanctuarie of your Kingdome, It beeing the laſt courteſie and conſolation, which Nature tells me their Princelie byrth deſerues, and your Royall Blood owes them.

And yet againe, this neglected and dejected Prince, your Sonne in Law, hath contrariwiſe much reaſon to hope, that your Majeſties Royall word and promiſe, engaged for the reſtoring of his *Pallatynat*, (added to the conſideration of your owne Honnor, which inviolablie tyes you thereto) will in the end incyte and ſtirre you up to draw your Sword, for the effecting and performance thereof: For the wordes of Kings ſhould be facred, and their promiſes inviolable; the Lawes of Nature and Nations tying them to the Obligation of the firſt, thoſe of Grace and Heaven obliging them to the performance of the laſt. And if your Majeſtie be pleaſed to forget, yet the repreſentiue Bodie of *England*, the Lords, Knights, and Burgeſſes of your High Court of Parliament, muſt and will remember, that your Majeſtie proteſted unto them ſolemnelie, That (eyther by Treatie, or by the Sword) you would cauſe the *Pallatynat* to bee reſtored, though to the hazard of your owne Kingdomes: Or if your memorie (which in all other actions is exquiſit and excellent) ſhould forget your promiſe in that

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poynt; yet the Iudgements and vnderſtandings of your Maieſties ſubiects are more then aſſured and confident, that your Royall penne affirmed it to your Printer, and he to vs in your *Declaration*, whereof looke how manie thouſand Bookes there are extant, ſoe many witneſſes (without exception) there will remaine againſt your Maieſtie, that you onely made that promiſe and proteſtation purpoſely to breake it; For till they ſee the contrary, the moſt loyall and faithfull of them will never beleeue it, ſith your Majeſtie may performe it but will not, and ſith at your pleaſure you haue the meanes, both to humble the pride, and to ſcourge the power of the Emperour, and to make the Duke of Bavaria repent with blood and teares, for his inſatiable Ambition and Vſurpation, in vſurping and bereaving the Pallatynate from your Children.

And becauſe the affayres of the World (reſembling the ebbing and flowing of the Sea) are ſtill ſubiect to revolution & change, and onlie conſtant in vnconſtancie, as alſo that (*Euripides* ſaith) good is never ſeperated from Evill, and that it is impoſſible for vs to avoyde misfortunes or aduerſe accidents; becauſe *Plutarque* tels vs, that Proſperitie is ſtill tranſitorie, never Permanent. Soe I beſeech your Maieſtie to conſider, that if vppon any vnexpected Accident, you ſhould breake and haue Warres eyther with France, Spayne, or the Netherlands, what a braue aſsiſtance of German Reiſtres, you ſhould ſtill haue at your Commaund from the Count *Pallatyne* your Sonne in Lawe, of his Subiects and Friends, if hee had agayne the Commaund of his Countrye, and alſoe

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were as visible and transparent as *Iulius Drusus* wished his house; Then (notwithstanding) all theyr veluett wordes and silken protestations and vowes) your Maiestie should see without perspective or spectacles, that the most retyred Article, and secret mysterie of theyr Kinges Commission to them is; To giue theyr *Infanta* to our Illustrious and famous Prince *Charles*, but infaliblie with this prouiso and reservation, still to keepe the Pallatynat for the behoofe and use of the King theyr Master; And what else doe all these seuerall Ambassadours in England, and whervnto tend all theyr seuerall legations, but onlie to conceale the Ill which is, and to pretend the Good which is not, in the designes and resolutions of the King theyr Master; For in all theyr Treaties and Negotiations with your Maiestie and your mynisters, what doe they else but purposlie play theyr prizes, in practising theyr cheefest invention, Arte, and skill, to procrastinate the restitution of the Pallatynat, making everie daye produce newe Difficulties and Evasions, till in the end they have made the Cure worse then the Disease, and which (without the helpe and assistance of your Maiesties sword) will verie shortlie proue incurable, and meerlie Phyfique after death; For the Emperour, the King of Spayne, and the Archdutchesse, doe onlie feed your Maiestie with the emptie ayre of hoapes, and with the bitter sweet sugar of maine flattering and false promises, that they will restore the Pallatynat to the Prince your sonne in Lawe, whiles they in the meane tyme (with as much treacherie as silence) doe heerby onlie gayne tyme (in working and procuring theyr owne

ends) to repayre and renewe the fortifications of that Country, till in the end they (like Molewarps) haue therein taken firme footing, and made those Cities and Castles which were easie to subdue, become difficult, and the difficult impregnable; For the King of Spayne playes the Practike with your Maiestie, whiles you professe the *Theorie* to him; you give him contemplation for action, hee returnes you action for contemplation; for whiles you are entertaining and flattering your thoughts with hoape, hee and his Factor the Duke of Bavaria, hath crowned his hoapes and front with the Lawrells of the Pallatynat, that dainty peece and rich and beautifull Prouince of Europe; neyther is it your Maiestie alone, but the French King likewise, who hath giuen too confident an eare to the *Syren* tunes, and charmes of Spaine; for whiles their practises and machynations threw him to a pernicious & sacriligious Warre against his owne Protestant subiects, then Spayne recouered the *Valtolyne*, and defloured the Fortes and passages of the Grisons, and whiles he (by his *Gondomar*) lulld'd your Maiestie asleepe with the melodie of the Match, then hee finished the Conquest of the Pallatynat. Only your Majesties dishonour herein is farre greater then that of the French King; becawse his remisnesse permitted but his Confederates to bee ruyned, but your Maiestie, your Confederate your Sonne in Lawe, your onlie Daughter his wife, and their Royall posteritie. Thus as the Cyclope *Polephemus* devoured his passengers one after another, soe doth the King of Spayne eate upp whole Countries and Prouinces. And whereto tends all

thus be contented with Droſſe for Golde, with ſhame for Honnor, and fedde with verball promiſſes in ſteed of reall performances; For your Majeſtie knowes (and your Subjects are not ignorant) that *Carlile*, *Briſtoll*, *Belfaſt*, and *Wotton*, have ſpent infinite much, and yet gotten juſt nothing from the Emperour, by theyr ſeuerall legations; as alſo that that which they ſpent abroade, and your Majeſtie at home, in Entertaynments, Feaſts, and Guiſts, on the Emperours, the King of Spaynes, and the Archdutcheſſe Ambaſſadours, would undoubtedlie haue reconquered the Pallatynat, and what is this, but their malicious and pernicious policie to drayne your Majeſties purſe drie, and to exhauſt your Exchequer; therby purpoſlie to clippe the winges of your Courage, power, and reſolution, from flying to the reſtoration of the Pallatynat; Neyther ſhall your Majeſtie have juſt cauſe to accept againſt mee, for heere joyning the King of Spayne with the Emperour in the Detention thereof; ſith their ſwordes and forces æquallie Conquered it, or if not the King of Spayne (as vulgar beleeue) for the Emperour, yet undoubtedly the Emperour and Duke of Bavaria (as the cleereſt ſighted knowe) for the King of Spayn; becauſe uppon the whole the Emperour is more the King of Spaynes ſervant and creature, then the Duke of Bavaria is the Emperours, and therfore that it is rather more to bee feared then doubted, that as he firſt tooke *Aix* and *Weeſell* for the Emperour, and ever ſince keepes them for himſelfe; that right ſoe hee intends to deale with the Pallatynat; and if your Majeſtie would but turne your backe to Spayne, and your eyes to the

Pallatynat, you will then confime my opinion, whereas (with a fearfull jelouſie) I apprehend, that turning your backe to the Pallatynat, and your eyes to Spayne, you may peradventure paſsionatlie oppoſe and contradict it; For as the diſeaſes and iniquitie of our tymes, and the Vanitie of our Natures are ſuch, as manie tymes wee ſee Ambition gives a Lawe to Nature, and the ſtrongeſt ſword proves moſt commonlie the beſt right and tenure. Soe notwithſtanding that the Emperour be puffed upp with joy and pride for this his good ſucceſs, yet the King of Spayne thinkes that the Pallatynat is but a debt dewe to his Vertue, and a tribute to his Ambition and Greatneſse.

And that your Majeſtie maye the more perfectlie and apparantlie conſider them deſtinctlie or joyntlie, and ſoe looke from theyr tongues to theyr hartes, from theyr wordes to theyr actions, and from the barke of theyr Friendshippe to the tree of theyr Intents; *Swartſenbourgh* from the Emperour, brought onlie Complements but noe deeds nor hoapes of reſtitution of the Pallatynat; *Boſquet* from the Archdutcheſs, (under the cloake of truſt and conſignation) carried away *Frankendale*, the laſt hoſtage and pledge of that Prouince; and laſt of all *Moxia* (with his ſtately Embaſsye) pretended from the ſayd Princeſs, but intended from the King of Spayne, came to Comply with your Majeſtie, to make fayre weather of all ſydes, to keepe everie byrd in his neaſt, and your Majeſties ſword ſtill ruſting in his ſcabberd; yea if the hartes of *Inijoca*, *Mendoza*, and *Columba*, (whom I reverence and honnor for the honnor of theyr places)

how necessary those troupes of Cavalrie would bee for your Maiesties seruice; eyther to make or diuert, to beginne or end a warre. Whereof if *Henrie* the IIII. of France (of immortall fame and memorie) were still liuing, hee could giue your Maiestie a true president and instance thereof in himselfe, when his affayres were soe weake and desperate, as he was inforced to haue recourse to their assistance, the which *Lewes* his Sonne now raigning, hath very unkindly denyed, to acknowledge and requite to the Count *Pallatyne* your Sonne in Lawe, now in the extremitie of this his affayres and afflictions. And to ascend from earthly regards to heavenlie Considerations; If all these former Motiues cannot prevayle with your Maiestie, to purchase and effect his desire, yet lastly hee hopes that you will drawe your Sword to performe it, for that Religions sake which is immediatly deriued from God, or for Gods sake, from whome (as from the blessed and sacred Fountayne of all Happines) all true Religion hath its true byrth, lyfe, and propagation; and farre the sooner hee hopes, that your Maiestie will attempt it with Courage, and prosecute it with resolution, Sith God hath made your Maiestie the *Defender of the Faith*, and he and all the Churches of his *Pallatynat* did, and then agayne will professe the same Fayth which you Defend, wheras now they are infected with the dregges of Idolatrous Poperie, and poluted and defiled with the mystes and fogges of prophane Superstition.

But Illustrious Prince *Pallatyne*; becausse it is a disputable question, whether thy Courage or Misfortune

bee greater; therfore I greiue with ſorrow and lament with Griefe to ſee all theſe fayre hopes of thine, ſoe untymlie wythered and reduced to nothing, and thou haſt now tryed to thie preiudice, and ſeene to thyne owne Wofull and fatall experience, That hope which is built vppon other mens promiſſes, and maintayned by forraigne power; proues moſt commonlie ruynous.

And will not your Maieſtie then bee ſencible, of ſoe fruitleſſe and fatall hopes of the Prince your Sonne in Lawe, which were whollie grounded vppon the ſand of your promiſes, as yours are uppon the ſnowe of the Emperours and the Kinge of Spaynes. For to repreſent you Truth in her naked coullers, (& not in an adulterated attyre and tincture) and ſoe to poynt at that poynt of the Compaſſe, from whence the contrarie wyndes have blowne your Maieſtie all theſe ſeverall tempeſtes of diſhonor, and your ſonne in Lawe theſe ſtormes of adverſitie; hath it not beene your too much connivencie in relying vppon the deceiptfull flatteries of the Emperour, and your too exceſſiue confidence in truſting to the temporiſing promiſes of the King of Spayne which hath occaſioned it; For by their Ambaſſadours and Letters, have they not depaynted you the reſtitution of he Pallatinat ſoe eaſie, as in aſſurance therof, you became paſſionatly reſolute that you had farre leſſe reaſon to doubt then to beleeue it. And yet to the whole world aſwell as to your owne Subiects it adminiſtreth more cauſe of admiration then beleife, to thincke that your Maieſtie who is the wiſeſt, & learnedeſt, yea one of the moſt potent Kinges of the world, ſhould

this formidable Ambition, power, and greatneſse of his, but onlie to fill the ſailes of his glorie; Whiles your Maieſtie, and other Potentates and Princes of Chriſtendome moſt inconſiderately (I may ſay shamefully) ride at Anchor in the Portes of falſe ſecuritie, and therefore of true danger; and wherunto tends all this, but in the end to aſpire to the whole Empire of the Weſt, as your Maieſtie heard though would not beleeue, from your laſt Aſſemblie of Parliament, which our ſinnes, and your Enemies, cauſed you to make an intitle but a *Convention.*

All Europe can beare witneſſe of your Maieſties two yeares pious, interceeding, and Chriſtian endeavours and reſolution, to haue the Palatynat reſtored by Treaty, and although the Emperour hath ſuperficially promiſed and the King of Spayne artificially vowed it; yet ſtill your Majeſtie ſees contrary effects, and ſtill they fortifie the Pallatynat, not for, but againſt the Prince your Son in Lawe, as if they had given a Definitiue ſentence and periode to theyr reſolutions, and made it an Orthodox Article of their Fayth, ſtill to keepe and neuer to reſtore it to him, or his poſteritie; yea, the Emperour is ſoe glutted with his victories, and the Duke of Bavaria ſoe ſurfetted with his good fortunes (in both which the King of Spayne inſults with ioye, and triumph with exhileration) that they are now ſo farre from thincking of reſtitution, as they diſdaine it; *Alexander* the Great, (whoſe generoſitie was yet farre greater then his fame) shewed ſuch teſtimonies of his moderation and Magnanimitie, as hee gaue thoſe whom he ſubdued and conquered

conquered, more cauſe to reioyce then repyne at his Victories, yea hee ſhewed infinit Vertue and Charity in his power, (and theſe twoe cannot bee better ſhewen then in giving lymitts to power.) But it ſeemes the Emperour is continually ſoe inflamed with choller, and tranſported with revenge towards the Count Pallatine, your Sonne in Law, as hee is wholly vnmindfull eyther of Charity or Vertue, hee mought haue added glory to his Victories and Raigne, if his Ambition finding proſperous ſucceſſe, could have beene content with meaſure and moderation ſoe neceſſarie in all Chriſtians, and ſoe requiſit and relucent in Princes; But what or why ſpeake I of Charity or Moderation in the Emperor, when all the world can teſtifie with me, that his quarrell is ſoe implacable, and his malice and revenge ſoe inexorable to the Prince Pallatyne your Sonne in Lawe, and the Princes and Nobles of Germany his adhærents, as hee hath given them all juſt cauſe to flye to ſuch remedies as diſpayre gives to neceſſity, thereby to ſeeke to preſerue their lyues with their honnors. and their honnors with their lyues. And as hoape mought but feare cannot bee capable in them to declyne their vallour and courage; ſoe had they not then reaſon to baniſh hoape, when they apparantly ſawe they could hoape for nothing but for Diſpayre in the mercileſſe mercy of the Emperour. Hee leaves them ſtill proſcripts, although it had beene farre more Noble for him (who holdes the firſt, and nobleſt Rancke of Chriſtendom) rather to have made them taſt the fruites of his mercy, then to feele the effects of his Indignation; and is ſtill ſo erreconcilable

and vindictiue, as if hee hath vowed to adopt, and make revenge a Vertue, and reſolued and ſworne, that it ſhall be the laſt thing which ſhall dye with him.

Neyther eann your Maieſty iuſtly conceyue, that this inveterate malice of the Emperour, and boundleſſe Ambition of the King of Spayne, is onely bent and intended againſt the Prince Pallatyne, your Sonne in Lawe; but likewiſe (by vertue and reaſon of the ſame rule of Vſurpation) againſt your royall Selfe. Sith wee cannot cutt a finger, but wee wound the Arme, not cutt offe an arme, but wee indanger the whole Body; And what doth this Imperious ſwallowing downe of the Pallatynat by the Emperour, the perfidious vſurping of the *Cantons*, of the *Griſons*, and the eager threatning the totall ſubverſion of the *Netherlands*, by the King of Spayne, elſe portend and implye, but onely to cut off the lets, and obſtacles, that with the more facility they maye after make their approaches to aſſayle your owne Kingdoms & Dominions; which treacherous deſignes and reſolutious of theirs, if your Maieſty will not now beleeue, and accordingly ſeeke and endeauour to prevent; It is to bee feared, yea I ſay againe, it is to bee feared, that wee your Subjects ſhall feele them hereafter, when wee ſhall haue juſt cauſe left vs to lament, but neyther meanes, power, nor time, to remedy and prevent it. For thinke what your Maieſty will, and ſay what you pleaſe, yet our beſt Subjects, and not the woorſt Witts and Stateſmen of your Kingdoms knowe, that when the Emperour and King of Spayne, beate Princely *Fredericke* the Sonne, that at that very inſtant

and act, they undoubtedlie threatned royall *Iames* the Father; and that (in the loſs of the Palatinate) your Majeſtie uppon the whole, is daugerouſlie wounded and ſtrucke at through his ſyde, alwell in the honor of your Sacred perſon, as in the welfare and ſafetie of your Eſtates and Kingdomes.

Give not cauſe O Great King, that the malice of the Prince your Sonne in Lawes Enemies prevaile aboue your pitty and affection, not their Vſurpation aboue your Iuſtice, and although ſome *Spaniſh Engliſhmen*, and *Engliſh Spaniards*, playe the *Mercury* with you, to bring the *Argus* eyes of your judgement and power a ſleepe, ſeeming to haue new *Mynerva's* incloſed in their braines, thereby to inchant your ſences and to caſt your affection and Vnderſtanding into a Lethargie yet it will bee a iuſt and honnorable reſolution for your Maieſty, that in regard the Emperour will affoord noe ſavour to the Count Pallatyne your Sonne, that therefore (according the ſence and letter of the ſame rule) he deſerues to haue none given or ſhewen him by your Maieſtie his Father in Lawe; and as your Royall heart is the Temple of Equitie and Iuſtice, ſo can there any thing bee more iuſt and equitable, then to make the Vſurper reſtore; yea it is as neceſſarie as iuſt, for your Maieſty to cauſe this reſtoration of the Pallatynat; ſith to ſpeake to the Emperour, or King of Spayne, of the reſtitution therof is but to ſpeake to the winde, And it is to deceiue your Maieſties deepe knowledge, and to betraye your ſo'ide judgement, to thinke that ever it will be reſtored, except by your Sword. Noe, noe, it muſt bee your Sword, not

your Tonge, not your Treaties, not your Letters, not your Ambaſſadours which muſt refetch it, if ever your Majeſtie deſire and intend to haue it refetched, For all other meanes are fledd, and have now abandoned and forſaken you, and this of Warre is onlie left you to effect it, which will not fayle, nor cannot deceiue you in the performance therof; For otherwiſe like *Ptolomais* in (*Snydas*) you may pleade your ſelfe to death in expectation and hoape therof by treaties, before you ſee it reſtored. And that the policie of the Emperour, the King of Spayne, and the Duke of Bavaria, may in all reſpects equalize theyr Ambition and Malice, in the reſolute and conſtant Detention of the Pallatynat; maye it pleaſe your Majeſtie agayn and agayne to caſt the eyes of your conſideration, to ſee how cloſlie they have dealt with the *Pope*, to fulminate and thunder out from his Vatican ſome falſe and irrelgious *Aphroiſmes*, therbye the better to ouer-vayle and the more authentically to coullor out, the monſtrous Deformitie of this theyr Vſurpation therin; Wherof, of his 29. I will at this preſent content my ſelfe to ſelect & propoſe vnto your Majeſtie the three laſt.

1.

27. *That it is not now in the power, eyther of the Emperour or the King of Spayne, to replace* Frederick *and his Heyres in the Palatynat and Electorat.*

2.

28. *That it is an vniuſt requeſt of the Kinges of* England, *and* Denmarke, *and of the Electors of* Saxonie, *and* Brandenbourg, *to ſeeke to reuoke the* Popes *Confirmation*

29. *That the* Pope *cannot revoke the Confirmation of the Pallatynat and Electorat to the Duke of* Bavaria, *without preiudice to the authoritie of the Sacred* Catholique Church.

Thus the Pope, or rather thus the King of Spaine and the Emperour, who haue caused the Pope, falsly and maliciously to pronounce a sentence and Decree in their owne favour, against the Lawfull right of the Count *Pallatyne*, your Sonne in Law, and his Heyres; whereby your Maiesty may palpably see, and plainely obserue, the letts and difficulties, yea the impossibility which your Maiestie may expect, for the restoring of the *Pallatynat*. And although I iustly confesse my selfe (for Power, Learning, and Iudgement) to bee the very meanest of all your Maiesties subiects; yet becausse I more tryumph in my Fidelity to you my sacred Soveraigne, and in my zeale to all your Royall Posterity, then the Emperour doth in his Imperiall Crowne, the King of Spaine in his Indyes, or the Duke of Bavaria in his new Conquest and vsurpation of the Pallatynat; I therefore most humbly beseech your Maiesty to peruse and consider these three *Aphorismes*, which I retugne to the *Pope* in answere of his.

1

That it is nowe in the Iustice of the *Emperour*, and in the power of the King of *Spaine*, to replace the Count Pallatyne *Frederick* (and his Heyres) in his *Pallatinat* and *Electorat*.

That it is a Iuſt, Charitable, & Honorable reſolution of the kinges of *England*, and *Denmarke*, as alſoe of the Electors of *Saxonie*, and *Brandenbourg*, eyther with theyr pennes or ſwords, to ſeeke to annihilate and fruſtrate the *Pope* his confirmation of the *Pallatynat* and *Electorat* to the Duke of *Bauaria*, in favour of *Fredericke* and his Heyres, and that theyr Conniuencie now therin towards the Pope, will infalliblie proue Crueltie to themſelues, and theyr owne heyres for ever heerafter.

3.

That the Decrees of the Church and conſiſtorie of *Rome*, are revocable, as having noe affinitie and reſemblance with thoſe of the *Meads & Perſians*, and that the Pope and his Colledge of *Cardynalls*, can when they pleaſe revoke theyr Confirmation of the Pallatynat and Electorat to the Duke of *Bavaria*, and reſtore it to the true owner therof *Fredericke* Count Pallatyne, and his heyres, without anie newe or farther prejudice to the authoritie of theyr *Catholique Church*; Sith if it were for the obtaining of their owne ends, or the propagation of theyr *Romiſh* Religion, as it is for our Proteſtant; not onlie everie age but almoſt everie Popes Raigne, abounds with preſydents of the ſame nature; which thoſe are infinitlie blynde whoe ſee not, and extreamlie partiall, ignorant, or malicious who will not acknowledge.

And beeauſe (in my ſhallow conceipt and capacitie) it is pittie that theſe three *Aphoriſmes* of the Pope, ſhould returne without Intreſt; I therfore adjoyne and ſend his Holineſſe theſe other three to my three former,

which in all Humility and Duty I likewiſe proſtrate to your Maieſties pervſall and conſideration.

1.

That the Princes Electors of *Germanie* may make an Emperour, but that the *Pope* cannot make an Elector, nor conſequently vnmake one, beeing made, becauſe it meerlie and properly belongs to a Civill power, and not to an Eccleſiaſticall Iuriſdiction.

2.

That the Tranſaction and Donation of the *Pallatynat* & *Electorat*, made by the Pope from the Count *Pallatine* your Sonne in Lawe, to the Duke of *Bavaria*, doth both ſubvert the Fundamentall Lawes and Dignitie of the Empire, and alſo oppoſe and aſſault the prerogatiues and ſafety of *Germany*, and of all other Kings, Princes and Free Eſtates of *Chriſtendome*.

3.

That the Connivencie of the Emperour, and Princes Electors, in tollerating the Popes ſayd tranſaction and Donation of the *Pallatynat*, as aforeſaid, openeth a Doore to the vnjuſt intruſion of *Rome*, over the Liberty, Soveraignitie, and indepencie of *Germanie*, which hencefoorth will never bee in the power, eyther of the Emperour, or of the Princes Electors agayne to make faſt and ſhutt, if now they doe not.

Having thus giuen ſix *Aphoriſmes* to the Pope for his three, I now againe in all humility and Dutie emboldē my ſelfe, to recommend to your Maieſties Gracious pervſall and conſideration, three times three others,

which I direct and ſend joyntly to the Emperour, and King of *Spaine*, or rather againſt them to your Maieſtie, and the whole world, thereby to vnmaske their Ambition and Vſurpation, in the vnjuſt detention of the Pallatinat, from the Illuſtrious Prince your Sonne in Lawe.

1

That the Emperour invaded the *Pallatinat* by the Counſell and Inſtigation, and Conquered it by the Armes and Threaſure of the King of *Spaines*, and without it hee could never haue Conquered it; And it is cleere and notorious to all the World, that as the Emperour cannot ſubſiſt without the aſſiſtance of *Spaine*, that therefore in his Detayning of the Pallatinat; that the King of *Spaine*, is more your Sonne in Lawes, and your Maieſties enemy, then the Emperour: for take away the cauſe and the effect followes, as take away fuell and the flame and fire will bee ſoone extinguiſhed.

2

That thoſe who knowe the Court of *Rome*, doe apparantly know and Confeſſe, that without the cloſe interceeding, and ſecret ſolicitation of the King of *Spaines* Ambaſſadours and Miniſters, to that effect in that Court; that neyther the Emperour nor Pope, had dared eyther to have taken the Pallatynat and Electorat, from the Count *Pallatine*, your Sonne in Lawe; to whome by all the Lawes of Heaven and Earth it appertayneth, nor to have giuen them to the Duke of *Bauaria*, who hath no other right nor clayme therto, but only

only that which his exceſſiue Ambition, and inſatiable deſire of Vſurpation ſuggeſts and gives him.

3.

That it is in the power of the King of *Spaine*, to make the Emperour and the Duke of *Bavaria* reſtore the Pallatynat and Electorat to the Count *Pallatyne* your Sonne in Lawe, and therefore that if they reſtore it not, that then your Maieſty may iuſtly and truely conclude, it lyes not in his will.

4.

That it is as eaſie for the Prince *Pallatyne*, your Sonne in Lawe, to bee reſtored to his Pallatynat and Electorat by the helpe of your Maieſties ſword, as impoſſible for the Emperour and Duke of *Bavaria* to keepe it without the aſſiſtance of the King of *Spaine*.

5

That as long as the Pallatynat and Electorat is detayned and poſſeſſed by the Emperour and Duke of Bavaria, ſo long (to common ſence, and vnprejudicate judgments) it is as cleere as the Sunne, that their Lawe in the Detention thereof, is whollie and ſolie derived, from the will and reſolution of *Spaine*, which is theyr *Cynoſura*, whereby they ſteere all theyr actions, and theyr *Delphos*, from whence they fetch all their Oracles and Inſtructions.

6

That it is a *Caſtillian* policy, to make the *Archduthesſe*,

a Negotiatrixe in and for all Treaties Depending betwixt your Majeſtie and the Emperour for the Pallatynat and Electorat, and that ſhee being a verie olde and ſicklie Princeſſe, having as it were her Lyfe on her Lippes, and her feete on the brincke of her Graue, That when ſhee Dyes the ſayd King, will then cauſe all her promiſſes, Contracts, and aſſurances to dye with her, and to bee likewiſe buried in her Grave, which are or which may bee any way diſpleaſing, or oppoſite to his ambitious Deſignes and reſolutions.

7.

That if the King of *Spaine* take not the reall and actuall poſſeſſion of the *Pallatynat*, during the life of the Duke of *Bavaria*; that hee will infallible do it immediatlie vppon his Death; And in the interim, the Cardes are ſoe cunninglie ſhuffled betweene them, that vppon the Whole, *Bavaria* is but *Spaines* Depoſitor, and the King of *Spayne*, *Bavaria's* Patrone and protector.

8.

That the reſtoring of the *Pallatynat*, which your Maieſtie makes a matter of Eſtate, the quenchleſſe revenge of the Emperour, and the boundleſſe Ambition of Spayne, haue cauſed the *Pope* to make it meerely a matter of *Religion*.

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That your Maieſty ſhall in the end finde, that *Spaine*, to haue the fuller pretext, and fayrer colour for his

Ambition, in causing this iniust Detention & Vsurpation of the Pallatynat; will for his last shift and imposture, clappe the whole fault thereof on the *Pope*, by affirming hee nowe sees that it whollie derogates from the Honnor and Office of *Christs Vicar*, and consequently from the Lawes and Constitutions of the Holy *Catholique Church*; for *Clement* IX. to annihilate and reuoke the Donation of the *Pallatinat* and *Electorat*, to the Duke of *Bauaria*, with his predecessor *Gregorie* XV. gaue him, and that hee beeing the *Catholique* King, hee dares not transgresse the Commaunds, nor disobey the will and Decrees of the *Pope*, whoe is the head of the *Catholique* Church, the Successour of Saint *Peter*, and *Christs Vicar* on Earth.

These *Aphorismes* most Sacred Soveraigne, are true, not feigned, and euery way worthy of your beleife and Consideration; For your Maiestie shall in the ende finde, that the Emperour and the King of Spaine, will not vnderstand the language of *Restitution*, because their Swordes and Pennes haue ever practised and professe the Contrary. Yea, you haue small cause and lesse reason to apprehend or feare the Emperours power, whoe indeede is of very small or noe power, without that of *Spaine*. And if Spayne will still Countenance and Commaund this his vsurpation of the Pallatynat, then hee is your Sonne in Lawes Enemy, as much, or more, as the Emperour, and soe to bee esteemed and held of your Maiestie, and no otherwise. And for the rest of the *Germane* Princes whoe side with the

Emperour; you have noe cause to stand eyther in neede or in feare of their Forces & power, for although the honnor of the Empire bee frequent in theyr tongues, yet their owne Interest and endes, are more deeply rooted in their hartes, and take vp the first place in their resolutions.

Your Majesty hath a long tyme, yea too long time looked from the Prince Pallatyne your Sonne in Lawe, in suffering him thus to bee Dejected and derived of his Pallatynat; yea, and the whole world spare not to speake and affirme this truthe; that you are more desirous of rest then of Honnor, in permitting and tollerating it; Hee is a Prince fuller of hoapes then of misfortunes, and his Vallor and Vertues, make him more Worthie to bee an Emperour, then to bee beaten by an Emperour. And all these crosses and losses of his; are but the assaults of Fortune, the exercyse of his patience, and the tryall of his generosity and Constancy. Your Majesty hath seene him ruyned, and yet it lyes in your power and pleasure to repayre those ruynes of his, and to make him as happy as now hee is miserable.

Looke vppon the Princesse his Wyfe, and your one'ie Daughter, and you shall finde that all her Husbands misfortunes and losses, doe no way blemish but rather Illustrate her Vertues, as if her fortitude and resolution, were to Devine to bee out-braved by any Earthly Crosses and afflictions. For the remembrance of Reason and Honnor, of her Blood and her Vertues, comming to forme it selfe in her vnderstanding,

makes her to entertayne different accydents and afflictions with an æquall erected constancye, and although shee haue only this Comfort and Consolation left her, that she is not the cause of her Misfortune; yet those who see her Bewty, and knowe her Vertues, doe likewise knowe, that shee who is one of the Greatest Ladyes of the world, should not bee reduced to this poynt of mysterie and misfortune, to bee one of the Poorest and least of the World; Sir, God hath made her your Daughter, and our Princesse, and adorned her with so manie Vertues, as shee rather deserves to be Empresse of the whole World, then Ladye of a small Province; Shee inheriteth the Name and Vertues, the Maiesty and generosity of our Immortall Queene *Elizabeth*, and is a Princesse of such excellent hoapes and exquisite perfections, that I cannot speake of her without prayse, nor prayse her without admiration, sith shee can bee immytated by none, nor parraleld by anie but by herselfe; And yet will your Maiesty neglect her, and will you not draw your Sworde in her just Quarrell, whose Fame and Vertues hath drawne most hartes to adore, all to admire her.

Looke vppon those Princely plants their Children, and your Maiestie shall finde, that their lookes and fronts doe alreadie in their Infancy, justly threaten to revenge their Father his losses and indignities; and sith they are Descended from your Royall Blood and loynes, will your Maiestie suffer them to bee ruyned, as soone as borne, and that the Greatnesse of

theyr Blood ſhould onlie ſerve to make theyr afflictions and miſfortunes the greater; Harmleſſe and Innocent ſoules, what haue they done to your Maieſtie, that you ſhould ſuffer them thus to bee Diſinherited, or rather what ſhould not Nature prompt you to doe for them, againe to reſtore them to theyr Patrimonie and Inheritance; For if you will affect them you muſt pitty them, and you cannot ſufficiently pitty them, except you remedy and revenge their wronges, by repayring the ruynes of their decayed and Shipwracked fortunes, in that of their Fathers.

All the actions of *Demetrius* ſavoured of Royalty, and none will ſoe much Royalize your Raigne, and immortalize your Fame, as this of reſtoring your Children to their Patrimonie, your famous Predeceſſors and Progenitors of either Kingdome, were too generous ſencible and Delicate to digeſt or packe vpp the leaſt affront or injurie whatſoeuer, though from the greateſt Princes and Potentates of the World, much leſſe ſo greate a one as is this of the Loſse of your deareſt Childrens patrimonie, from ſo weake a Prince as the Emperour, (whoſe power gives the lye to his forme, and comes farre too ſhort of his Dignity and reputation) wherin the Honnor of your Sacred perſon, and alſo of all your Kingdomes and Eſtates, doe moſt extreamly (Oh that I might not ſaye ſhamefully) ſuffer, for they made it both their practiſe and glory to ſtrike thoſe firſt, who made but the leaſt ſhew or ſhaddowe, eyther to threaten them, or to with-holde that from them which they ought to reſtore; Yea, they haue paſt the Seas with

royall Fleets and Armyes, aſwell for Defending theyr Confederres, as for keeping and reconquering of a poore Cittie; And will not your Maieſtie then take Armes, for the regayning and reſtoring of ſoe rich a prouince as the *Palatynat*, to the Prince your Sonne in Law, to the Princeſſe your Daughter, and to theyr Royall poſteritie, which is one of the goodlyeſt Countries of *Europe*, and wherin there are ſoe manie ſtronge Citties, and Caſtles.

And as the *French* (in *Rome*) give out againſt the Duke of *Sauoy*, that the delayes which the Pope made in the judgment of the Marquiſat of *Saluſſes* were inſupportable, that they had too longe Diſputed and pleaded for theyr owne, and that therfore it was high tyme (yea more then tyme) for them to decyde that quarrell with the Cannon, in the plaines of *Piedmont*; Soe hath your Majeſtie juſt cauſe to ſay to the Emperor, the King of Spayn, and Duke of Bauaria, or the reſtoring of the Palatynat; yea let your Courage but animate your Deſignes, and your Subiects will execute them; For, give them but the worde of command to reſetch it by Warre, and your Majeſtie will then ſee they will act wonders with theyr ſwordes, not onlie anſwerable to your deſiers and expectation, but beyond the Emperours, the King of Spaynes, and the Duke of Bauaria's beleiſe, and your Nobilitie and Gentrie (out of theyr true zeale and innate affection, to the famous Princeſſe your Daughter, her Husband and Poſteritie) will flye from *Thames* to *Rhyne*, as to a fayre, or Wedding, and you ſhall haue more Gentlemen in this

action then euer *Germane* Armie beheld, or *Spaniſh* confronted. And although money (which is the true cyment and ſynewes of Warre) ſeeme now ſcearce in your Kingdomes, and that your Bounties hath made your Exchequer, and Treaſor emptie; yet if your Majeſtie will be pleaſed to ſecure but this one doubt and feare of your Subjects, that your Soldiers may eate, and not your Courtiers devoure the monyes which a Parliament will giue and rayſe you for this enterpriſe, you ſhall then aſſuredlie finde an *Indyes* in your *Englany*, and more huge ſomes of mony cheerfully Contributed, then that action can anie way take upp or expend; you ſhall finde that one Herauld will doe more good then all your Ambaſſadors have performed. And as the Mathematicians hold, that the righteſt and ſtraighteſt Line is ſtill the ſhorteſt; Soe your Majeſtie ſhall undoubtedlie finde, that the righteſt and ſhorteſt way for you to recouer the Paltinat will bee by your Sword. when *Scotland* was not yet added by your Majeſtie to *England*, *England* (holding herſelfe bound in poynt of honor) hath ſent a blacke *Prince* into *Spayne*, a *Drake* and *Eſſex*, into *Portugal*, and an *Eſſex*, *Willoughbie*, *Norrice*, and *Fourbiſher* into *France*, with ſtatlie Fleets and Regiments, to reſtore Diſinherited Kinges to theyr Kingdomes, who were yet but our Confederates, and will not your Maieſtie whoe hath ſo happilie Vnited and Wedded *Scotland* to *England* and who is the powerfulleſt Monarch that ever ſwayed the Brittiſh Sceptre, attempt and performe the like for the Prince *Pallatine* your ſon in Lawe, and the Husband of your onlie daughter our Princeſſe; our hands, harts, and

and ſwordes, being of as good, and of as excellent a temper as ever our Predeceſſors were, having as it were hands of Steele, and hartes of Diamonds, for the attempting and finiſhing of this Honnorable Enterpriſe; If the King of Spayne will not abandon his Couſen the Emperour, ſhould your Majeſty abandon, or rather ſhould you not aſſiſt and protect the Count Pallatyne your Son in Lawe, againſt the Emperour. Or if there enſue hereon anie breach betwixt your Majeſtie and the King of Spayn; hath he not given you juſt cauſe to undertake that warre, which is ſo Iuſt, Honnorable, and Charitable, as to the eyes and Cenſures of the whole World, it beares its perſwaſion with it; And if your actions and reſolutions be ſuch, that you reſolue rather to giue Spayne cauſe to feare you, then to take any to make your Majeſtie feare Spayne, your Majeſtie ſhall then infallibly fetch ſecurity out of danger, and drawe honnor out of ſhame; yea, if you will courageouſly reſolue to cut this *Gordian* knot with *Alexander*, and to paſſe this *Rubicon* with *Caſar*, you ſhall then truely and tryumphantly participate of the ones Fame, and of the others Glory; and this indeede will make you Majeſtie liue after Death, and reviue againe in your fame, as the Phœnix doth out of her aſhes. And no ſooner ſhall your Drummes beate, and your Colours bee diſplayed vppon the Banckes of *Rhyne*, but your Majeſties Sword ſhall put a newe face vppon *Germanie*; and make *England* (conſequently) aſſume her old one, which was ever woont to looke more Martiall, and leſſe Effemynate, leſſe contemptible to our Friends, and ſtill more terrible to our Enemyes.

It is an action and resolution full of Religion, full of Equitie, and full of Glory, wherevnto the honnor of your Kingdoms, and your Royall person, and your Maiesties naturall affection towards your Princelie Children, doth both envite and conjure you to attempt and perfect it; It is a worke and labour infinitlie worthie of your Sword, your Sceptre, your Crowne; yea, it will bee one of the most precious Iewels and Diamonds, which your lyfe, can possiblie giue to the adorning of your Raigne or your Death, to the embellishing of your Tombe or Chronicle; Is the recoverie of the Pallatynate a great action? Consider I beseech you, that you are a Great King & a Potent Monarche, doth it produce difficulties? What important enterprise ever was, or can there bee without them, or what cannot the hartes and swords of Great *Brittayne* make easie, and as succesſe comes some tymes shorte of our hoapes, soe manie tymes it goes beyond them; doth it threaten Danger? why there is the more Glorie to surmount it, and beeing well and firmly begunne it will bee alreadie halfe ended; Sith there is nothing more Couragious then a good Cause, nor more Victorious then the Truthe.

And although your Majestie delight and glorie to bee tearmed, *A Prince of Peace*; yet lett your Peace liue and flourish in Honnor, and not wyther and dye in Contempt and shame. For God, who is the Protector of Princes, will rather releeue then ruyne them, and rather desire and authorise theyr restoration to, then theyr deprivation from their Countries, and it will bee farre easier to beleeue then to represent, the joy which all

the beſt and trueſt harted of your Subjects will conceyue when they ſhall ſee your Majeſties ſword, as deeplie ingaged in the quarrell of the Palatynate, as your Scepter and honnor is in the cauſe therof; Our famous *Elizabeth* did beate *Spaine*, and ſhall our Royall and Potent King IAMES feare it; Beſides, we ſee our truſtie Neighbours and friends the *Hollanders*, relye uppon the poynts of theyr ſwords for the preſeruation of theyr Eſtates and Lyues; and therin they infallblie finde, the ſecuritie of the one, and ſafetie of the other, by Detecting and Deteſting the treacheries of *Spayne*, which is ſtill more preualent and powerfull in theyr calmes of peace, then in theyr tempeſts of Warre, and it will bee noe ſmall felicitie to your Majeſtie, to ſee (theſe valiant and conſtant Confederates) how couragiouſlie they will ſecond your Warlike attempts in this reſtoration, and how conſtantlie and reſolutlie they will marrie theyr Forces to yours, and with theyr beſt powers, puſhe foorth the Chariot of your triumphs agaynſt the Houſe of *Auſtria*.

Proceede Great King with this action ſoe full of Glorie and Honor, and the God of Heauen and Earth make your Majeſtie ſtill happie in your Peace, and victorious in your Warres; And becauſe it is a difficult poynt to ſatiſfie our ſelues and the time together; yet (notwithſtanding) I hope that your Majeſtie will pardon this bouldneſſe and affection of myne; except it bee held a Crime to honor my Kings Daughter, and to deſire the proſperitie and Welfare of the Prince her husband, and theyr Royall poſteritie; which next vnto that of

your owne Sacred Majeſty, and then of the Illuſtrious Prince *Charles* your Sonne, I will neyther ceaſe to doe with my beſt zeale, nor fayle to performe with my moſt religious wiſhes and prayers.

From my Chamber, in your Citie of London, this New-yeares Eue, and I beſeech the Lord to giue your Maieſtie manie happy and ioyfull newe Yeares and Dayes.

Anno Dom. 1624.

Your Maties. moſt humble, and moſt faythfull Subiect till Death.

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